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Deposit to the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company for supply of power for irrigation.

*988 *Q.*—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether ryots who apply for the supply of power for irrigation purposes are required to make heavy deposits with the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company as a condition precedent; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government so far in this regard?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government noticed in August 1952, that the licensee had enquired in one case whether the prospective consumers would be agreeable to furnish loan deposits, as distinct from security deposits for current charges, to meet the capital expenditure of that scheme. The licensee was informed by the Government in August 1952 that under the provisions of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, he could not demand such loan deposits from the consumers or prospective consumers. It was, however, noticed by an Inspecting Officer of the Electricity Department in July 1953 that the licensee was accepting loans by way of deposits from prospective consumers. He was, therefore, directed by the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government to discontinue the practice forthwith and he replied in August 1953 that the practice had been discontinued."

Reversion of Sub-Magistrates in South Arcot.

*989 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many sub-magistrates and subdivisional magistrates in the South Arcot district in Revenue Department were affected and reverted to lower ranks consequent on the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive in the year 1950; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any steps to promote such of those officers to their original posts?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Twelve Sub-Magistrates (Deputy Tahsildars) were reverted to lower ranks; no Subdivisional Magistrate was reverted to the lower rank.

" (*b*) Three of the reverted Sub-Magistrates (Deputy Tahsildars) have since been allotted to the Commercial Taxes Department and another has been appointed to the post of Deputy Tahsildar, Vanur, which has been revived temporarily up to 30th September 1954."